# TO PREVENT
# The Export of Bullion,
## FOR PURCHASING
## *FLAX, HEMP, and LINNEN.*

*England* and *Ireland* being under one Government, and lying ſo near to each other, muſt partake in each others Fortune for ever. And the Land of *Ireland*, being ſo very productive of Flax and Hemp, and the People's natural Inclination tending to Spinning, would, with a ſmall Incouragement, ſoon give Life to the Linnen Manufactory there; but at preſent, what to do with what they now make, they are at at a loſs, the overplus reſting uſeleſs (being cheaper made in other Parts, though not in *England*,) which is their only Hindrance to a more vigorous Progreſs therein, and neceſſitates the Improvement of their Lands, and their Labours in other Husbandry.

It being conceived to be the Intereſt of both Kingdoms to propagate the Linnen Manufactory in *Ireland*, I humbly propoſe, That all Flax, Hemp, and the Manufactures thereof of the Growth of *Ireland*, may be Imported into *England* Duty-Free, which will be of many Advantages to *England*, for,

1. That what *Ireland* produces, will abate the like Quantities from other Nations, which now do greatly occaſion the Ballance of Trade to our prejudice, for no one ſort of Commodity does ſo exhauſt our Treaſure, as Flax, Hemp, and Linnen.

2. It will employ their Lands and Hands, in Productions and Manufactories different from *England*.

3. They being of our ſelves do purſue the ſame Modes, all they can, in Apparel, Houſe, Furniture, *&c.* and would do more, might the Payments, they are able to make, be accepted in *England*, whereby the better Quantities of *Engliſh* Manufactures (Woollen not excepted,) would be uttered there; in lieu whereof they are now conſtrained to produce ſuch Commodities as will beſt vend among themſelves, and procure beſt Returns from Foreign Parts.

To ſet down the many Advantages it may be to both Nations would be too large for ſo ſmall a Treatiſe, and therefore I ſhall leave it here with the Wiſdom of our Legiſlators, to conſider whether it is, or is not, the Advantage of *England*, to encourage the Linnen Manufactory, by the admitting the Import from thence Cuſtom-Free.

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